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Characteristics of an Electrode Array to
Create Different Lesion Patterns

in Body Tissue

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RETRANSMISSION OF AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL
OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 1998

On December 1, 1998, applicant filed an Amendment in Response to the Final Office Action dated September 17, 1998 ("the Amendment") by facsimile. Copies of the Amendment and the facsimile confirmation slip are attached hereto. On February 12, 1999, applicant's undersigned representative was informed that the Amendment has yet to reach the Patent Office application file. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the attached copy of the Amendment be entered into the application file in its place and acted upon immediately.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such

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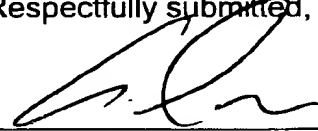
fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

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In response to the final Office Action dated September 17, 1998, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-12, 14, 15, 18 and 37 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 16, 17, 19, 20 and 33 as follows:

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16. (Three Times Amended) A system according to claim [12] 13
wherein the guide element is elongated along an axis,
wherein the at least one electrode comprises an array of energy
transmitting electrodes spaced apart along the axis of the guide element.

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